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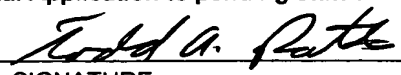
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER  <b>026032-4948</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US/2004/001337	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 01/16/2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.55) To be determined <b>10/2542559</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION SNAP-IN COUPLING ASSEMBLY		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 01/16/2003
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Daniel J. Scheerhorn		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))               <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).  <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)             </div> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).               <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.  <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).             </div> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.  <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.             </div> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with 37 CFR 1.92(a).</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 37 CFR 1.54(a).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Post Card and Check</li> </ol>		

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.53) To be determined <b>10/15/04 2559</b>		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US/2004/001337		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 026032-4948	
The following fees have been submitted:					
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee		\$300		\$	300.00
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee				\$	200.00
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)		\$100			
All other situations		\$200			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority		\$100			
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400			
All other situations		\$500		\$	400.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$	900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$ for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
33 - 100 = 0	/50 =	0	x \$250.00	\$	0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))				\$	130.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total Claims	22 - 20 = 2		x \$ 50.00	\$	100.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 = 1		x \$ 200.00	\$	200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	1330.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	1330.00
Processing fee of 130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	1330.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). 40.00 per property				\$	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	1330.00
				Amount to be refunded:	
				charged:	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$1,330.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>06-1447</u> in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-1447</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charge to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</b>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:			 SIGNATURE <b>Todd A. Rathe</b> NAME <b>38,276</b> REGISTRATION NUMBER		
Foley & Lardner LLP Customer Number: 26371					